

Please do everything in your power to block the further consolidation in the media.

The FCC is the only guardian for the American people's ability to reach their own conclusions through diversified news sources, rather than being influenced in their opinions by a further limited number of news sources with editors eliminating what she/he feels the public does not need to know. Media diversity should be a top priority for the FCC, and media concentration is not in the public interest. I urge the FCC to preserve-- and refrain from weakening-- the rule prohibiting cross ownership of newspapers and television stations in the same market.

People base their attitudes and actions on what they perceive to be the truth. The fewer "versions" of the truth they receive, the more predictable will be their behavior. Further consolidation of the media leads to greater control of the citizens and less true democracy and freedom. We do not need to fulfill the media prophesy of George Orwell in "1984."

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